

**MD Domestic Violence Crime Statistics
(2006 - 2010)**

Domestic Violence Defined (Maryland UCR)

Data obtained for this report is limited because Maryland currently does not have a “Domestic Violence Law.” The statistics collected and presented in this report are based on the Maryland Uniform Crime Report (UCR) definition of a “Domestic Violence Incident.”

Domestic Violence Incident:

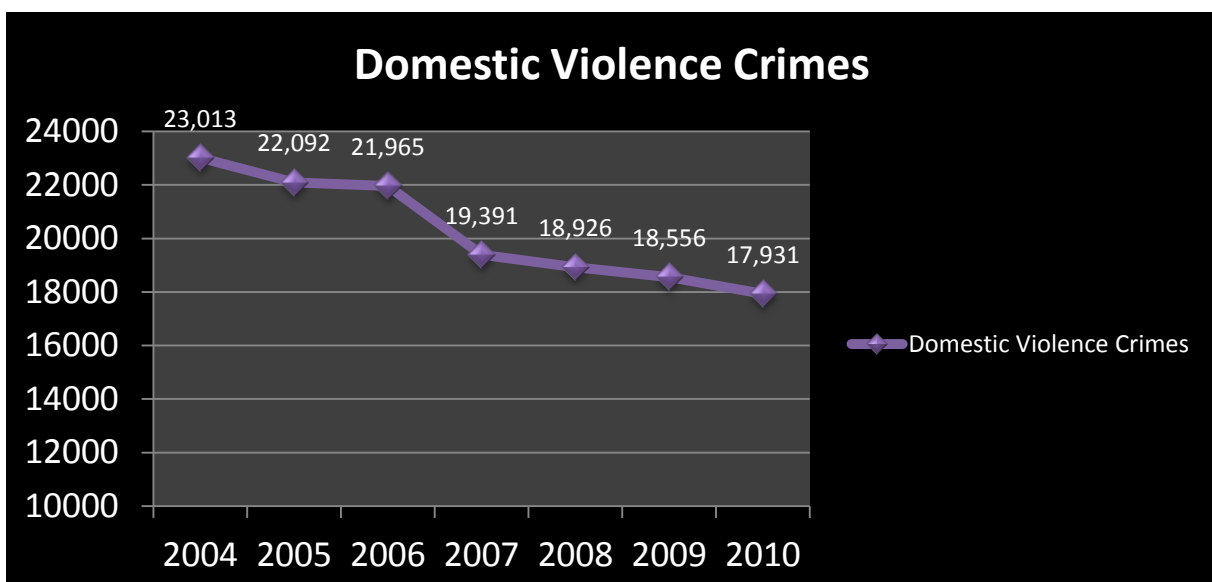
Any crime against an individual who has received deliberate physical injury or is in fear of imminent deliberate physical injury from a current or former spouse or a current or former cohabitant including:

- *A married person living with, or estranged from their spouse*
- *A male and female in an intimate relationship who are not married to each other and who are cohabitating or had cohabitated*
- *Individuals of the same sex in an intimate relationship who are cohabitating or had cohabitated*

Annual Domestic Violence (DV) data

| Year | # DV Crimes |
|------|-------------|
| 2004 | 23,013 |
| 2005 | 22,092 |
| 2006 | 21,965 |
| 2007 | 19,391 |
| 2008 | 18,926 |
| 2009 | 18,556 |
| 2010 | 17,931 |

- There were 17,931 Domestic Violence Crimes reported in Maryland in 2010. This represents an 18.4% decrease from 2006.



Maryland Domestic Violence Facts

- 75% of victims are female
- The racial breakdown of domestic violence victims from 2006-2010 is as follows:

| Race | Percent |
|-----------------|----------------|
| American Indian | 0.01% |
| Asian | 1.0% |
| Black | 45.2% |
| White | 51.6% |
| Other Race | 2.1% |

- Whites are most likely to be the victims of Domestic Violence crimes (make up 51.6%) of all races victimized
- 59% of domestic violence victims are between the ages of 25 and 44 (inclusive)
- The victim relationship breakdown of domestic violence victims is as follows:

| Relationship | Percent |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Husband | 11.9% |
| Wife | 26.5% |
| Male (cohabitant) | 14.0% |
| Female (cohabitant) | 45.6% |
| Homosexual | 1.9% |

- “Female cohabitants” (not legal spouses) represent the relationship status most victimized (45.6%) by domestic violence crimes
- Around 80% of domestic violence victims live with their abuser

Risk factors and Circumstance of Domestic Violence Crimes

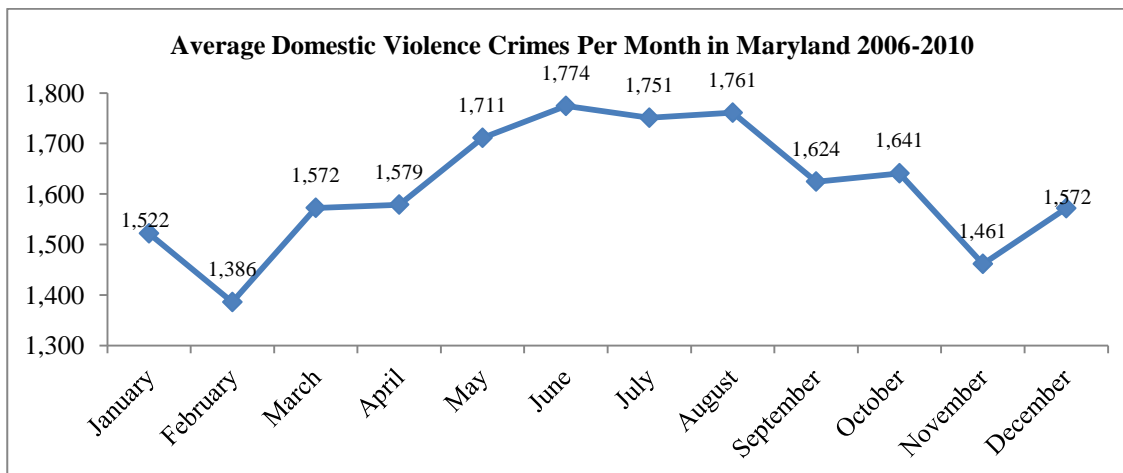
- Alcohol and/or drugs constitute a risk factor for victimization in 29% of DV incidents
- The majority (61.8%) of circumstances surrounding domestic violence crimes in Maryland are unknown (37.5%) or categorized as other (24.3%). Other common circumstances include:
 - Infidelity 9.2%
 - Offspring 5.3%
 - Money 4.4%
 - Property 3.7%
 - Alcohol 3.0%
 - Separation 2.7%

Maryland Domestic Violence Crime (by county)

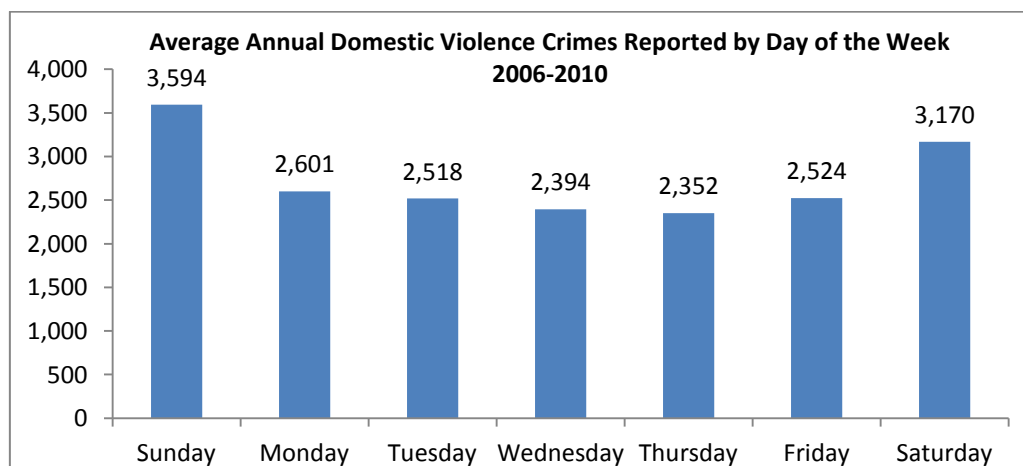
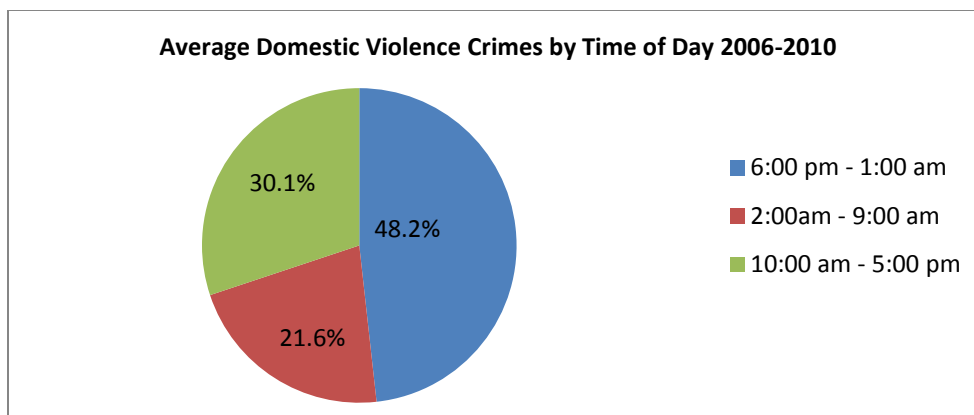
- In Maryland, the 5 jurisdictions with the highest per capita domestic violence crime rate (per 100,000) are:
 1. Baltimore City (614.4)
 2. Worcester County (572.1)
 3. St. Mary’s County (535.0)
 4. Baltimore County (508.9)
 5. Wicomico County (507.5)

When Domestic Violence Crimes are Occurring

- Over the past 5 years, Domestic Violence Crimes peak during the summer (May-August) and spike around the holidays in December. The fewest reported DV crimes were reported in February and November.

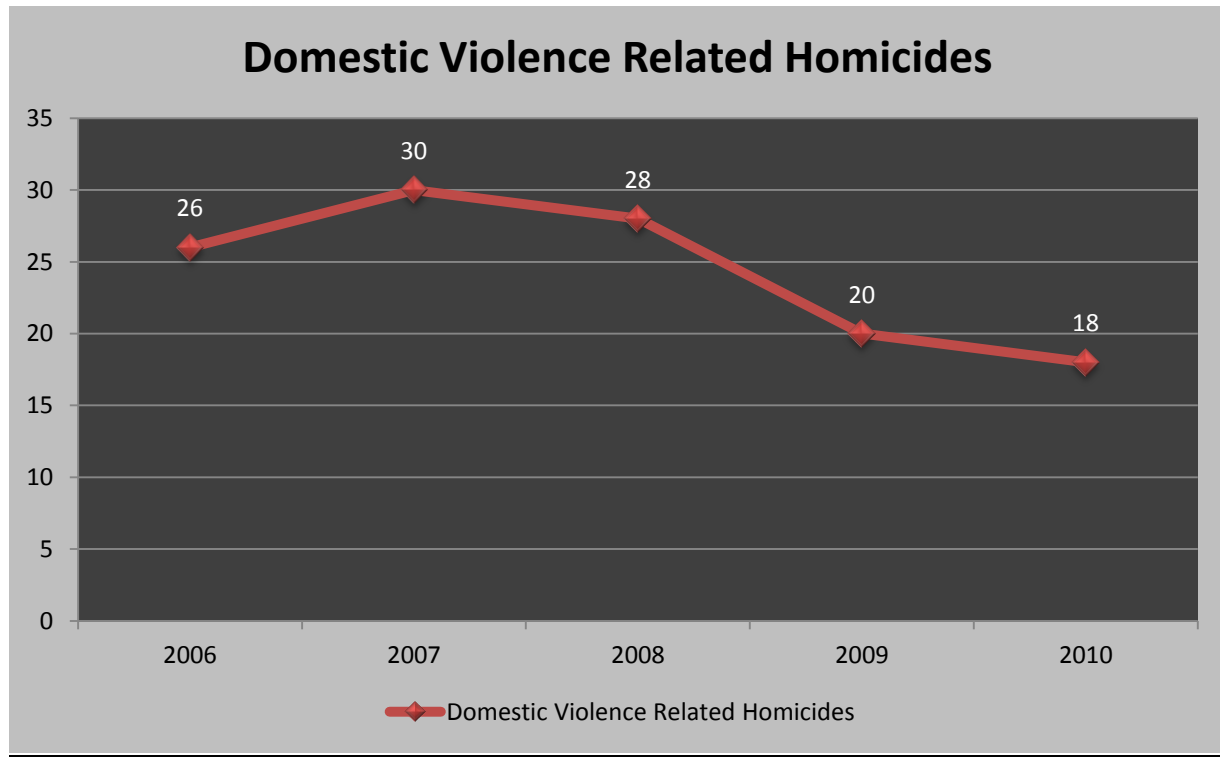


- Domestic Violence Crimes most often (48%) occur between 6p.m. and 1a.m. on Saturday and Sunday

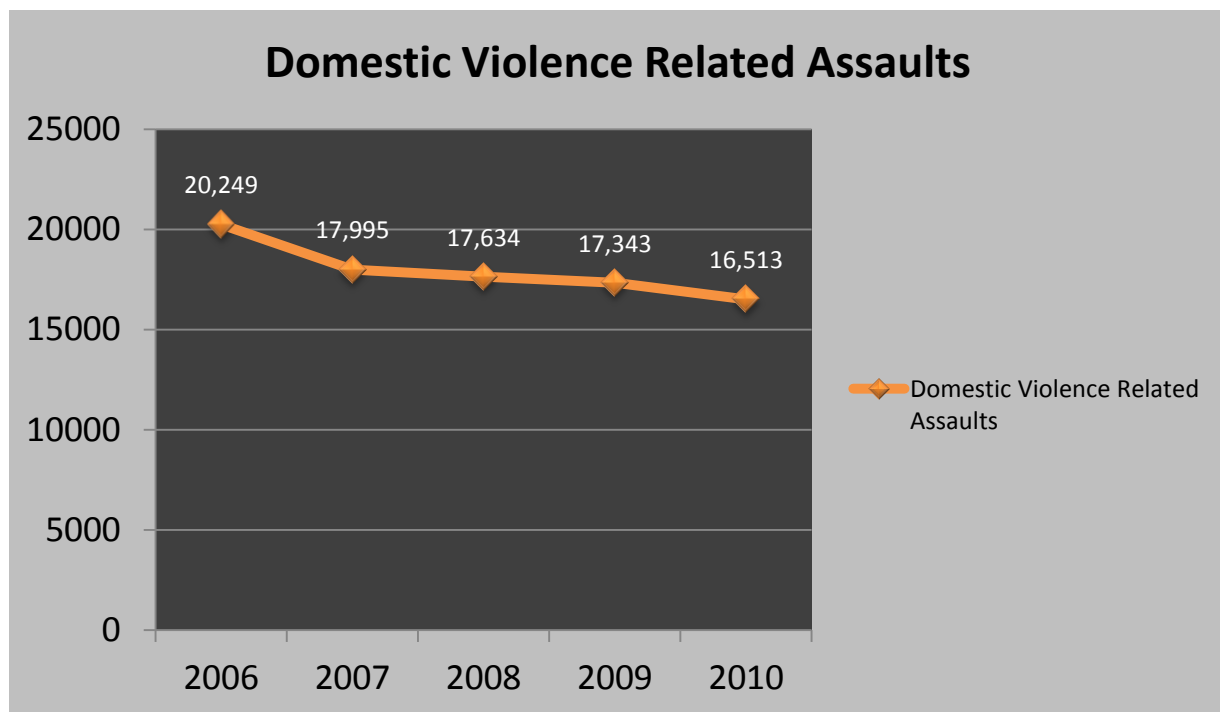


Domestic Violence related Homicides and Assaults

- Domestic Violence related Homicides are down 30.7% (from 26 to 18) since 2006.



- Domestic Violence related Assaults are down 18.5% (from 20,249 to 16,513) since 2006.



Domestic Violence Clearance rates (by Law Enforcement)

- In 2010, 78% of Domestic Violence cases were cleared.
- Since 2006, there has been an 18.5% reduction in the number of Domestic Violence Crimes **not cleared** by Law Enforcement.

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| % Cases Cleared | 80.70% | 77.50% | 78.00% | 77.40% | 78.00% |
| Number of Cases Not Cleared | 4,837 | 4,354 | 4,165 | 4,188 | 3,942 |
| Number of Cases Cleared | 17,128 | 15,037 | 14,761 | 14,368 | 13,989 |

